

Language Club Plans Mardi Gras

by Domenick Bufano

Mardi Gras, voyages abroad and Romance News are some of the activities available to members of the Foreign Language Club here at Bishop Ford Central High.

The Foreign Language Club, headed by Mr. Quattrocchi, Miss Mirsky, and Mr. R. Borch, is planning a **Mardi Gras** for March 3rd; scheduled for four times a year is **Romance News**.

Club members will learn to understand a different culture and compare it to our American culture, and will benefit immensely from writing the foreign language.

"It is definitely the most pleasant and educational club at Bishop Ford," commented Gerard Bocchino, a senior member of the club, when interviewed by this reporter.

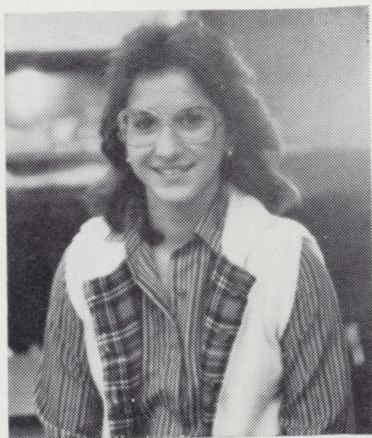
Student Spotlight

by Lisa Costagliola

Tracking down senior Martha Colon was not an easy task, but it was worth the extra effort.

Martha could be named this graduating class' valedictorian. Besides ranking second in her class academically, Martha has been involved in many activities here at Ford. Among them are the Math Club, Pagoda, the Ecology Club, and the Language Club, which is her favorite. (The reason for this is because of the people it has enabled her to meet.) In her words, "The Annual Language Club Mardi Gras is a ball." Martha has also competed in the Math League for three years.

This year Martha's courses include, Composition and Rhetoric, Basic and Fortran, Calculus, Analysis, and Physics. When asked why she had chosen such demanding courses, Martha replied, "I feel they will prepare me for college in the best way possible." Speaking of college, Martha hopes to attend Columbia and study computer science.



Martha Colon

Martha is also very busy outside of school. She has been studying the piano for eight years, and she also enjoys drawing. Martha rates her drawing as fair, but she is a modest girl.

Unlike most high school students, Martha does not spend her summers at the beach. This past summer she was enrolled in a computer program at N.Y.U.

To the question, "What do you feel is the most beneficial thing you have learned here at Ford?" Martha replied, "How to make friends," of which she has many.

HIGH POINT

J. YACILA

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Ford Welcomes Eight New Faculty Members

by Jimmy Toppin

This year we have new faculty additions to our Mathematics, Science, Religion, and Language Departments. Here are the new teachers and a little background information on each:

DOMENIC D'ORAZIO—Math Department

Mr. D'Orazio teaches freshmen and sophomores here at Ford. He previously taught at Mt. Olive High School located in New Jersey. He seems to enjoy his students. Mr. D'Orazio was asked about what he thought of the students. He referred to the freshmen as a "great bunch" and commented, "The sophomores leave a lot to be desired."

RUTHANN GERDES—Math Department

Mrs. Gerdes is really no newcomer to Bishop Ford. She teaches here during the summer. She also taught at Our Lady of Perpetual Help before she took some time off

to raise her three sons. She said that the faculty and students are wonderful and easy to work with.

BRO. DAMIAN NOVELLO—Religion Department

Bro. Damian is a member of the Franciscan Brothers. He attended St. John's University and is a former teacher of St. Francis Xavier School. He teaches freshmen and sophomores, and he said that he feels very comfortable with them.

BRO. JUSTIN SMITH—Religion Department

Bro. Justin is also a member of the Franciscan Brothers. He comes to us from McClancy High School. He graduated from St. Rose College, and he said that he is glad to be here.

JOHN DILGEN—Religion Department

ed Brooklyn College. He said After graduating from Bishop Ford, Mr. Dilgen attend-

that there hadn't been many changes in the school, except for its going coed. He previously taught at St. Mark's. He seems to like Ford. He said, "It's a lot of fun . . . so far."

SR. ANNE LALLY

Sr. Anne's official title is "executive administrative assistant." She worked at St. Joseph's College for a nursing sister's home-visiting service. Sr. Anne can be found in her office near the chapel. She described the faculty as "warm, friendly, and welcoming," and went on to say that she is delighted to work with students again.

The following faculty members could not be contacted for interviews:

FR. DEVLIN:

Fr. Devlin is one of our school's chaplains. He comes in on Thursdays.

LINDA MASI—Language Department



New faculty members pictured above: Mr. John Dilgen, Bro. Damian Novello, O.S.F., Br. Justin Smith, O.S.F., Mr. Domenic D'Orazio, Mrs. Ruthann Gerdes, and S. Anne Marie Lally, C.S.J.

Falcons Form New Clubs

by Laura Anne Allen

A large part of one's education takes place after 2:27 p.m. Any interests you may have are probably covered by the wide variety of clubs available here at Ford. Here is a list of the clubs and their moderators.

Art Club—
Mr. Turturo
Band—
Mr. Ozga
Biology Club—
Dr. Defina
Chess Club—
Mr. Sexton
Computer Club—
Mr. Huckla
Drama Club—
Mr. Mingrone
Ecology Club—
Mrs. Skalecky
Fishing Club—
Brother Michel
Games Club—
Mr. Guinnesssey

Golf Club—
Mr. Sexton
Highpoint—
Mr. McKay
Horseback Riding—
Miss Herman
Jazz Dancing—
Mr. Bate
Karate Club—
Mr. Piselli
Language Club—
Mr. Quattrocchi
Miss Mirsky
Literary Club—
no moderator as yet
Math Club—
no moderator as yet
Pagoda—
Mr. Coleman
Physical Science Club—
Sister Roberta
Ping Pong—
Mr. McCarthy
Ski Club—
Mr. Tom
Tech Crew—
Mr. Marmaud

Tutoring Club—
Mr. Tom

If you are interested in any of these clubs, listen to announcements for the next meeting, or ask Mr. Campanero in the cafeteria.

Fun Run Held

by Joseph Tesoriero

On Wednesday, October 19, after the junior assembly, Bishop Ford held its annual Fun Run. The Fun Run means running, walking, or skating three and one half miles around Prospect Park. After the run, participants were treated to free refreshments in the cafeteria. Awards were handed out to the winners in each category (first freshman boy, first junior girl, etc.).

Mr. Tom, moderator of the National Honor Society which sponsored the race, indicated that the cooler weather had attracted more runners, perhaps

National Honor Society Seeks New Members

by Stephanie Kieszak

Are you a sophomore, junior, or senior with an average of at least 85? Are you active in two or more school and community activities? If you answered yes to these questions, you should consider joining the Bishop Ford Chapter of the National Honor Society. Membership is granted to students based on their past records and completion of a "student profile." The profile consists of questions asking why the students wish to join and how they feel they could help the society.

The National Honor Society seeks to promote the qualities of character, scholarship, leadership, and service. During the induction ceremony, each elected officer lights a candle representing one of these qualities. This year the officers are: James Toppin (president), Julio Laboy (vice-president), and Stephanie Kieszak (secretary).

The members of the society meet bi-monthly to plan events such as the Fun Run, the Blood Drive, and the Dance-a-Thon. The first meeting was held on September 27th, and inductions are scheduled for November 18th.

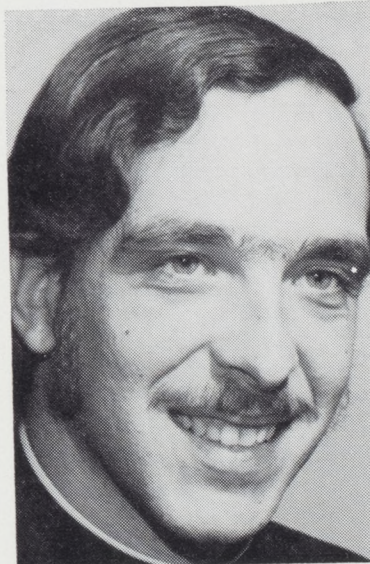
Father Finch, Ford Alumnus, Labors in Peru

by Joseph J. Selch

Father Raymond J. Finch is one of the first (if not the first) graduates of Bishop Ford High School to follow in the footsteps of Bishop Francis X. Ford by becoming a Maryknoll Missioner in 1966.

When Father Finch attended high school, the building wasn't completed until his second year. Father Finch played a very important part in student activities; he was in the glee club, on the track team, and on **Highpoint**.

Father Finch was recently named Assistant Regional Superior for the Peru Region. He is also the pastor of San Miguel Parish and enjoys helping the people of Peru.



Rev. Raymond J. Finch, M.M.

two hundred seven.

Participants included students, faculty members, the track team and even Ford graduates. The entry fee was five dollars and participants were given a T shirt after the race. The money will be divided between the Athletic Department and the National Honor Society.

Please Sir, I Want Some Variety!

by Leonard Marchetta

Every year, it seems, there is an article written in this newspaper condemning the food in the cafeteria. It is easy to ridicule the food without considering the various factors that cause, for example, the french fries to be undercooked (which happens often enough), or the chicken or hamburgers to be ice cold. Students simply do not understand that the demand for these items, particularly the fries, is immense. Only those who work within the confines of the kitchen itself realize just how much food is consumed daily. They try to keep enough food on hand so that each student may purchase whatever he or she desires.

One complaint heard quite often concerns the lack of variety in the hot food section. Every day there are one or two appetizing specials to choose from. Why not three or four? Is there a need to require everyone to eat the same thing on an appointed day? If, by some miracle, the food could be hot ninety percent of the time and some variety or new specials added to the menu, maybe some of the students would realize that the food isn't really as terrible as it is supposed to be. After all, eating the same food on a set day, week in and week out, does become a bit boring, doesn't it?

Therefore, this writer urges the cafeteria administrators to offer several new foods, along with the already worn-out specials. They might try a different soup each week, along with another side dish, like onion rings or home fries. Also, why aren't there any vegetables? How about some corn or peas and carrots? These suggestions come from a number of students, mostly freshmen and seniors (the sophomores and juniors seem to prefer joking about the food to suggesting ways to improve it). Perhaps there will come a day when no one here at Ford will complain about the food that is served.

Let Our Seniors Go

by Eileen Slavin

Crunch! Do you feel like a sardine in a can? Although we are all happy that our beloved school is being used to full capacity, we are in dire need of more space.

Proof of this lies in the fact that last year another lunch period had to be added. Also, an additional minute was added between classes. And the situation has grown worse since then.

Perhaps the crush in the cafeteria could be eliminated by bringing back the senior privilege of leaving the school for lunch. This would ease the overcrowded conditions in the cafeteria. We all know this privilege has been abused in the past, but, since the class of '84 has had the reputation of being a well-behaved group through the years, I feel we should be given a chance. Privilege, by definition, is "a special right or advantage." So it is only fitting that, if we abuse this right, it be taken away.

Of course, the administration would be worried that this would make it easier for strangers to come into school. But we've been told in the past that the dress code helps alleviate this problem. Wouldn't it also work in this case? Of course, this is not the only solution to the overcrowding at Ford, but it is a very practical and popular one, and I feel it would work out well.

Inquiring Reporter

by The Amazing Razukasman

Question: What is your opinion of cafeteria food?

"I have nothing to say about the cafeteria."

—Mr. Slow

It pretty much —!"

—Stella Mejia, 407

"I never eat the special, that's why I'm still alive."

—Doug Renne, 211

"I think it's good; it's you kids who are to fussy; everything is fresh."

—Anne (helps prepare the food)

"Food?"

—Vito Lodato, 208

"They should take the food for a walk at least three times a day."

—Mr. Flaherty

"The food is fine, as long as you don't eat it."

—John Comis, 203

"The fries are cold. The pizza is okay."

—Derek Williams, 114

"I bring my lunch to school."

—Mr. Chiusano

"The roaches you find in it are about the only ones who like it."

—Beth Schebece, 212

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The student and faculty of Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School extend our most sincere sympathy to the family of Mr. Robert Vertucci.

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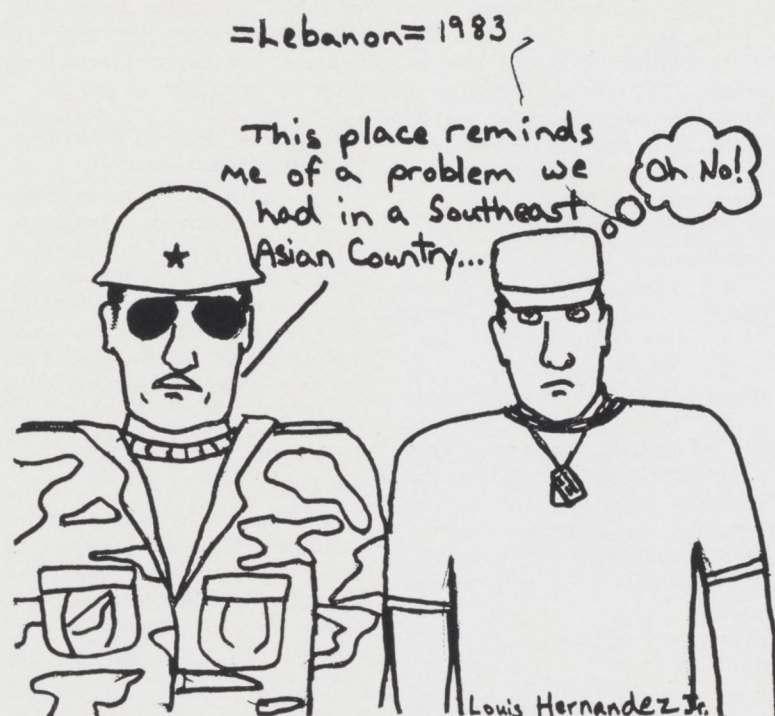
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Should We Stay, or Should We Go?

by Brian Wick

About a year ago, when the Marines went to Lebanon as part of the international peace-keeping force, President Reagan stated several objectives which he hoped to achieve in and around Lebanon: an end to Syrian-P.L.O.-Israeli fighting, the establishment of a strong Lebanese government, and, finally, the withdrawal of foreign armies from Lebanon.

The fighting among the Israelis, Syrians and P.L.O. has ended. The conflict between the different factions in Lebanon, which replaced the war among the Israelis, Syrians and P.L.O., has ended, at least temporarily, in a ceasefire.



Although the Lebanese government is not yet strong enough to secure control of its territory, many steps have been taken to make it a strong government. A year ago the Lebanese army was weak and not a substantial military force. Today, after training by the U.S. Marines, the Lebanese army is a well-equipped fighting force which has been tested in battle.

The last objective, the withdrawal of all foreign armies from Lebanon, will take time and much diplomacy among the occupying armies, the warring factions and the Lebanese government. The U.S. Marines must stay to act as a deterrent to heavier fighting and also to provide support for the new Lebanese government.

The Lebanese government and army must have time to strengthen their hold on their country and gain the support of the Lebanese people.

If the Marines pullout now, the Syrians will probably take over Lebanon, which would mean the Soviet Union would have influence in another nation because the Syrians are allies of the Soviets. If the Syrians do take over Lebanon, it will probably mean war between them and Israel. Such a war would take many innocent lives.

This is not to say that the Marines should stay in Lebanon forever. If the ceasefire doesn't hold and many Marines die, of course they should leave Lebanon. We don't need to be involved in another Vietnam. We must keep the Marines in Lebanon a while longer and give the Lebanese government and Lebanon a chance to get back on their feet and recover from all the years of war.

If we don't try to help Lebanon, the results will be catastrophic. The country might fall into the Soviet sphere of influence, and many thousands of people might die in fighting among the factions, P.L.O., Syrians and ?

Theatre Review

by Joseph J. Selch

One of the really true-to-life plays on Broadway this year is *The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial*, starring Philip Bosco as Queeg and Joe Namath as Maryk, two truly great actors. These two actors bring the stage to life as we travel back to the 1940's.

The play takes place in San Diego during World War II in a small court room with a board of five officers who have had far too many years at sea. The play's success is due to the way Queeg breaks down on stage; one can't help but feel that he is about ready to start crying there on the stage. This is one play I think everyone should see. On a scale of one to ten, I give this an eight.

Massacre in the Skies

by Roxanne Whitaker

The downing of the Korean Airliner's 747 by the Russians continues to "blow the mind." One cannot comprehend the full horror of the fact that with a push of the button, 269 people went down, down to the darkness of the waters below.

Most people are angry and frustrated because they can see no action serious enough that can be taken against the Soviet Union. So, all we hear is the world telling the Russians that they are bad little boys and should never do that again. And the Russians are like the little kid, promising with fingers crossed behind his back. Life seems to go on as we, the United States, continue to do the apologizing for the ones who should do it.

How long can we, the people of the world, take this, as we see very clearly—and not for the first time — the Soviet Union's clear disregard for human life for the sake of conquest and world domination?

Oh yes, life does go on as usual, as we sit, wait, and hope, little puppets on this stage called life.



by Laura Anne Allen

The whole nation was shocked when the Russians shot down the Korean 747. Many people across the United States expressed their opinions. Asking around school the question, "What do you think of the downing of the Korean airliner?" *Highpoint* received some very strong comments.

Louis Hernandez, a senior, responded, "The act was totally barbaric, and, to think, it wasn't the first time, either. Not to mention, they got away with it both times."

Susan Trukawinski, a junior, replied, "I think it was a terrible thing to do. America should retaliate more than we have. We should show them that we won't take this abuse any more!"

"I think Soviet paranoia caused them to overreact to a situation that they probably regret but are afraid to admit," answered Mr. Radigan.

Nelida Cordero, a sophomore, thought, "A cruel and unjust act that should never have happened because it took the lives of many innocent people."

Finally, Arthur Siczkowski, a freshman, said, "I think that the Russians shouldn't have shot down the Korean 747 just because it was in Soviet air space. The Russians shouldn't have jumped to conclusions, they should have checked it out first."



Heavy Metal Happenings: "Bent Out Of Shape"

by Catherine Lau

It looks like there's another pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. "Bent Out of Shape," Rainbow's current release, is a smash. It sports the writing team of vocalist Joe Lynn Turner and the "Stratocaster Master" himself as the major contributors on the album. Despite another personnel change (newcomer Chuck Burgi on drums), the band's musical style remains intact. It is Blackmore's consistent approach in the fickle world of music that keeps the Rainbow sound so authentic.

The album, containing ten tracks, is an excellent production of musical genius. It offers brilliant solos from

With Friends Like These

by Sonia Maria Lopez

"With Friends Like These" . . . who needs enemies? This question clearly defines the latest book by Liza Fosburgh entitled "With Friends Like These."

The book is about a woman who has it all, except the ability to handle life. Her escape from the daily heartaches of life consists of tranquilizers and vodka. Her best friend, Kay, though, is always on hand to help her cope, but don't be fooled: there are dark, ulterior motives behind this friendship.

I strongly recommend this book. The fast action continues from beginning to end, making it very hard to put down. But please continue reading: its outcome may surprise you.

Faculty Achievements

Mr. Gerald Kiernan of the Business Department, who is a member of the executive board of the National Catholic Business Education Association and vice president of the Alpha Xi Chapter of Delta Pi Epsilon (the honorary business education fraternity), received an M.S. in Administration and Supervision from Pace University in February, 1983.

Sister M. Roberta Garczynski, C.S.F.N. of the Science Department served on the Middle States Committee which evaluated Central High School in Newark, New Jersey last October.

Mr. John Faber of the English Department received an M.S. in Counseling last month from Fordham University. Mr. Faber is a member of the American Personnel and Guidance Association and treasurer of the Fordham Counseling Association.

For the past three summers, Mr. Thomas Talignani has taught at St. John's University (Staten Island Campus); last summer he served as coordinator and supervisor of the college admissions program at the same institution.

Sister Peggy Linahan of the Communications Department is founder of the only audio-visual association for Catholic elementary school teachers and co-publisher of their bi-monthly newsletter, LICMA. Sister is also Catholic school representative for the tri-state area at Channel 13, where she works on curriculum utilization.

Mrs. Denise Skalecky of the Science Department has had numerous articles published in various scientific periodicals, including *Adaptation*, a quarterly publication of the New York Biology Teachers' Association, which she edits. She is also a member of the executive board of the New York Biology Teachers' Association.

Dr. Anthony DeFina, who held an appointment as adjunct assistant professor at New York University last year (teaching a graduate course in human neuroanatomy), and who will be conducting a workshop/presentation at Bishop Ford for high school science teachers on a pre-outlined approach for a biology curriculum (in an attempt to make available his course manuals in bioscience, human physiology, zoology, and advanced biology), has had numerous articles published in various scientific periodicals, such as *Adaptation*, *The Science Teacher*, *The Journal of Morphology*, and *The American Biology Teacher*.

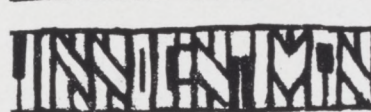
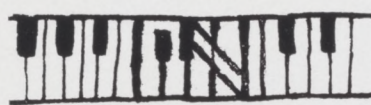
Rock Review:

Billy Joel

by Tommy Lepano

"I cannot be stereotyped in any way. I feel a musician owes it to himself to extend his talents as much as he possibly can, and it's always worked for me." That statement was made by Billy Joel three years ago, and very recently he proved that it still holds for him with the release of what some people call his best work since Grammy Winner, "Glass Houses," in 1980. The album is "An Innocent Man." On this L.P. the Piano Man takes us back in time to that short but meaningful era of "Shoobie Doo Wahs" and "Rama Lama Ding Dongs." From the hard-hitting sound of Chuck Berry, to the more enhanced tunes, such as The Penguin's "Earth Angel," Billy uses every lollipop and care-free note and binds them together to put a dance in your shoes and a song in your heart.

Billy Joel's



Glass Houses 52nd Street
Nylon
Piano Curtain The Strangers
Man

The front cover of the album shows a Billy Joel we very rarely see. The calm, sophisticated person we get to know better in the title track. The back pictures the backbone of Joel's stardom as a performer, "The Band" in a "Diddy De Wop" fashion. If the dark-haired man on the far right doesn't look familiar to you, he's Mark Rivera, Richie Cannata's replacement on sax. As for the album itself, Billy takes every aspect of various fifties techniques, adds his own little twist and gives us ten original, hardcore oldies that may very well become standards. Versatility plays a big part in the album. "Tell Her About It," his first, but not his last single offering from this smash L.P., seems to have shades of "Jay and The Americans" in it. And I'm sure Billy's sound-alike vocal of Frankie Valli on "Uptown Girl" will turn a lot of heads once it gets extensive FM airplay. But by the same token, his acappella cut, "The Longest Time," has the softness and harmony of "The Harp-tones," as does the sentimental favorite "This Night." Very clearly Mr. Joel shows his pure genius in every track.

But, all good things must come to an end, so this musical author brings the whole point across to his listening audience in the last song on the disc, "Keeping The Faith." Looking back, it seems that the subject Billy has decided to hit upon has eagerly touched all bases and, as a result, "An Innocent Man" is a home run!

Faculty Focus: Miss MIRSKY



Miss Mirsky

by Gregory Kraemer

"When you teach at Bishop Ford you have to expect the unexpected." That is what Miss Nancy Mirsky, this issue's **Faculty Focus** subject, replied when asked how she felt about teaching at Ford.

Miss Mirsky has played an active role at Bishop Ford for four years now. She has an A.A. (Associate of Arts degree) from Rockland Community College and a B.A. (Bachelor of Arts degree) from St. Thomas Aquinas in Romance Languages. She is now working on her master's degree in French Literature at New York University.

In her spare time she loves going to and reading about operas, ballets, poetry, and Shakespeare. Another favorite past time of hers is gardening. Recently Miss Mirsky was the proud owner of a wonderfully large group of vegetables and flowers. She also enjoys listening to both classical and rock music, but dislikes Country and Western. When asked what kind of food she likes, she replied,

"I like to go out for Chinese food because I hate to cook and clean." Her favorite dance groups are the Netherlands Dance Theatre, New York City Ballet, and the Joffrey Ballet. Besides engaging in all the activities listed above, Miss Mirsky is also one of the founding moderators of the Foreign Language Club.

As for her future, she plans on continuing teaching at Bishop Ford and doing a good deal of traveling.

At The Movies

by Jennifer Mills

About five years ago, in a fantastic city called Brooklyn, a movie was created. This movie's tremendous success and overwhelming popularity drastically changed the wardrobes, attitudes, and basic lifestyles of many people, in particular, young Brooklynites. It was entitled **Saturday Night Fever**.

Just recently, its sequel, **Stayin' Alive**, was released. It is expected to be a box-office smash because Sylvester Stallone—a producer and star of many great movies—directed it, John Travolta once again starred in it, and its location, Manhattan, has an aura of excitement about it at all times.

In the original movie, John Travolta portrays Tony Manero, a sarcastic, ignorant person who has that extra something special—charisma, charm, magnetism—which enables him to rise above his lower-class, simple environment. On the other hand, the sequel is the story of his pursuit of success in his new world. How does he plan to obtain this success? The answer to this question is what makes the movie worth seeing: dancing.

The only real problem with this movie is the dialogue, which is very repetitive. The conversations are monotonous and leave you in a state of ennui. Unlike most movies, there are hardly any lines that jump out from the screen and grasp your attention. However, the excitement and energy which the superbly coordinated dancing provides throughout seventy-five percent of the movie create electricity that compensates for this production's weaker points. Similar to another musical hit based on jazz dancing, **Flashdance**, it makes us leave the theatre exclaiming, "What a feeling!" This new era of physical fitness inspires most people to get in shape. And dancing, especially fast-moving jazz, is an excellent way to accomplish this, enjoy good, rhythmic music, and have a lot of fun!

Stevie Nicks "Stand Back"

by Roxanne Whitaker

The back cover of the album says, "Don't blame it on me." The front cover has the lady in three poses, decked out in a long black-hooded robe, with her face peeking out, suggesting that the lady does indeed have a "wild heart."

That is the title of Stevie Nicks' latest release, and the images that made Ms. Nicks the most celebrated member of Fleetwood Mac, the witches, the dreams, and her other visions, are quite absent here (if not entirely, then confined to about two or three songs).

The album begins with "Stand Back," a song with a pounding beat, intricate melodies, and Stevie's voice all blended. Stevie's voice has a new range which adds life to the album, and her lyrics are nothing to sneeze at either. She can turn on the power for one song, and let other ones speak for themselves.

Her other song, "If Anyone Falls," is a beautiful ballad about people who fall in love: "If anyone falls in love/somewhere twilight, dreamtime/somewhere." As for the album, it is very good and it should prove another hit for Stevie. It is Stevie at her best, with a different approach which makes her music shine and the album worth listening to.

As for the lady herself, she does have "a wild heart." But, don't blame it on her.

Falcons Spike Competition

by Carolyn Dopman

Bishop Ford's varsity volleyball team is preparing for a hit season, hoping to block out all competitors, and set to recapture the Brooklyn Championship. With four starters returning and a rotation of good recruits, the girls plan to serve up another winning season.

Led by captains Rosemarie Mazzone, Carolyn Dopman and Eileen Cole, the Falconettes hope to bump Kearney, Nazareth and St. Edmund's out of contention.

In addition to the three captains, the roster includes three seniors (Carolyn Barna, Laura Prior, Karen Gavigan), four juniors (Kathy Rossiter, Vicklyn Vincent, Ellen Fabian and Joanne Hunt), one sophomore

(Yara Zarzone), and three freshmen (Kathy Dolan, Valerie St. Rose, and Maria Gnerva), with Jeannie Dopman and Mary Anzaldi handling the managers' spots.

Having three productive seasons under her belt, Coach Schmidt believes that a combination of talent and teamwork is essential in a championship team. She remarked, "Success in volleyball is largely dependent on cooperation among the team members; that, along with talent and hardwork, should bring the trophy to Bishop Ford again this year."

All students and faculty members will have an opportunity to support the team during the playoffs which will be held at Ford on November 11th and 12th.



Eileen Cole spikes it.

Girls' Track Off and Running

by Maureen Powell

The Bishop Ford girls' track team is off to their seventh consecutive cross country season. This year's team is not a very large one, but looks to be a good one because of the girls' dedication. Running for their fourth year are seniors Donna Homan, Barbara Menze, Noreen Oliver, and Maureen Powell. The team also consists of two juniors, two sophomores, and six freshmen.

This year Team Manager

Virginia Corsino, new Coach Virginia McGee, and the girls hope to have a successful season. As well as many personal goals, the girls as a team would like to dethrone the reigning Brooklyn Champs, Bishop Loughlin, who have held the title for the past seven years. This race takes place on October 25 at Prospect Park. The girls, second major goal will be to qualify for the state championships.



Pictured above: Mike Yanaco, Andrew Purdy, Mergin Sina, Keith McGlyn and Leone DiMartino

Seniors Serve Success

by Adrienne Palmieri

The girls' varsity tennis team ended last season by capturing fifth place (and a trophy) in the Brooklyn-Queens Championship. With the loss of only two seniors last year, the team, which is coached by Mrs. Schmidt, is looking forward to a rewarding, exciting, and interesting season. As usual, the schools that will offer the most competition are Saint Francis Prep. and Mary Louis Academy.

This year the team is mainly made up of seniors. Dee Dee Dixon, Stephanie Kieszak, Adrienne Palmieri and Laura Prior are among the ten seniors who will be graduating this May, leaving the underclassmen to build up a new team next year. Sophomore Laura Allen, who is most likely going to be the team's first singles player this season, had this to say: "I feel we have a very strong team this year, but we need many new freshmen because we'll be losing ten great seniors."

With the season beginning in April and ending in May, the tryouts usually take place in December or January. Any new hopefuls are always welcome to try out. With a good turnout, this season may be the best ever.

Baseball's Youth Movement

by Cesar Claro

On September 21, the varsity baseball team opened up their fall season with an 8-5 victory at St. Francis Prep. Louie Cretella starred by hitting a homerun, and Mike Mancusi was the winning pitcher.

The team is being coached this year by Forte Bellino, who is a social studies teacher here at Bishop Ford. The team is composed of seniors Rich Palase (last year's M.V.P.), Anthony Tripi, John Cortese, Peter Cossavella and Pete Thurlow. The team also has three juniors, Chris Carney, Tom McManus and Roger McManus, to go along with the five sophomores, Louie Cretella, Matt DeGregoli, Mike Mancusi, Ralph Amirano and Phil Del Rocco.

Coach Bellino feels that "the lack of varsity experience" is the team's weak point. He also says that, "A great attitude and the leadership of the five seniors are two very strong points for the team."

When asked about his outlook on the season, Coach Bellino said, "Because we have so many sophomores on the team, I am hoping to make the playoffs, but in two years this team should be awesome due to the amount of experience they will have by then."

Sportlight: John Fritch



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by Trish Dolan

Kicking off his year's first Sportlight section is senior John Fritch.

As part of the Falcon's defending Brooklyn-Queens championship team, John feels that this year's season should be an exciting one. With a ten and five record last year and the spectacular win over the undefeated Holy Cross team under their belt, John is enthusiastic about this year's prospects.

"I think we can win the Brooklyn Championship, but it will be tough to win Brooklyn-Queens again. After all, we're the first Brooklyn team ever to hold the title of Brooklyn-Queens Champs."

John says the coaching of John Dilgen, a new addition to Ford's teaching staff, and the way the team is so closely-knit on the field, will be key factors in this successful season.

Open House to Be Held

by Rudy Santiago

On Sunday, November 6, Open House is being held here at Bishop Ford for 7th and 8th grade students and their parents from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The visitors are to be greeted by our faculty and students. They will have the opportunity to get an idea of what the school looks like inside and out. Refreshments will be served in the school cafeteria.

These future freshmen will be taking their coop examinations on Saturday, November 16. The principals and teachers of these students are to come on Thursday, October 15th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to view the school themselves.

Intramural Program Thrives

by Audrey Cordero

On September 27 Bishop Ford's intramural program began with the playing of the first two wiffle-ball games. The intramural program is run by Mr. Anderson and Mr. Sexton.

Some other sports in the program are football, three-man basketball, five-man basketball, hockey, bowling and team handball.

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Besides playing on Bishop Ford's varsity soccer team for four years, he has been playing on the GJOA soccer team outside of school since he started playing the sport eight years ago.

John's plans for college are still uncertain, but you can be sure whatever school he chooses will have to have a good soccer team.

He maintains an 85 average and feels that Bishop Ford is a good environment to be in.

"The school is very sports-oriented, and the staff and students make it a great place to be."

John would like to see more people get involved in the sport of soccer, and, of course, the whole team would enjoy seeing more of the Falcon fans cheering them to another winning season.

Basketball Preview

by Doreen Pirone

The 1983 Bishop Ford varsity basketball team is expected to do exceptionally well this year, due to the returning experience and skill of Andrew Purdy, Leone DiMartino, Mergin Sina, Keith McGlyn and Andrew Sullivan.

We also have a newcomer to our varsity team this year, Peter Nash, who is said to be a great credit to the team.

The boys' first game is November 29th at Madison Square Garden. They will be playing Saint Francis Prep. Their next game is to be played on Dec. 1 and will be followed by a victory dance.

Again, Bishop Loughlin is expected to be the toughest competitor against our boys this year. But with our spirit and outstanding ability, we have a good shot at victory.